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National Seminar on Sustainable Development
in an Unequal World : Public Policy Paths 2024

Call for Abstracts

Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Bengaluru Campus, **Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC)** Bangalore and **Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA)** Karnataka Regional branch jointly invite you for National Seminar on Sustainable Development that focuses on the intricate relationship between **sustainable development, socio-economic inequality, and ecological sustainability**. It critically examines the historical imbalances in development, particularly the disproportionate impact on marginalized communities.

It aims to explore innovative policy approaches, considering the challenges and trade-offs involved in achieving both ecological sustainability and equitable development. Emphasizing the role of public policy, it encourages participants to present papers on emerging trends, challenges, and opportunities, fostering a multidisciplinary discussion on creating a more equitable and resilient global society.

Who Can Apply

Calling researchers, faculty, scholars, development practitioners, students working in the fields aligned to Sustainability and Policymaking to submit their abstracts for oral presentations.

Submission Guidelines

Abstract	Max. 250 words without figures or tables
Abstract Submission Date	31st March 2024
Final Submission of Papers National Seminar Date	10th May 2024 5-6th June 2024
Seminar Venue	Manipal Academy of Higher Education (Bangalore Campus) Bengaluru, Karnataka
Fees	INR 1500 (For Faculty, Researchers /Fellows, Development Practitioners) INR 500 (For PG & PhD Students)

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Please note: 1. Participants whose abstracts have been shortlisted need to pay the registration fees. 2. Accommodation will be provided only to outstation presenters.

Two-Day National Seminar on
Sustainable Development in an Unequal World: Public Policy Paths

June 5th--6th 2024

Concept Note

Development continues to be one of the most argued and contested concepts in social science and politics from its early incorporation, post de-colonisation, into the public policy discourse in the 1940s through the neo-liberal era since the early 1990s. However, the process of development has been inherently lopsided benefitting the rich/industrialised nations and classes, while adversely affecting the economies and ecosystems of developing countries, especially the marginalised communities within them. Moreover, the term ‘sustainable development’, conceptualised and adopted as a new paradigm of development, lacks a coherent interpretation besides failing to draw insights into the social and environmental phenomena. Apart from the detrimental effects on environment, it is also difficult to interpret the effects of policies aimed at fostering environmentally-sound and meaningful forms of sustainable development. So, what is sustainable development? How can social and economic policies strive to achieve sustainable development? How do policy makers address the trade-off between ecological sustainability and equitable

development? Can we dream of achieving economic development, which is both sustainable and egalitarian at the same time? Can we achieve inclusive growth through targeted reducing of inequality? What are the policy implications of sustainable development? Can sustainable development offer better healthcare, education, access to better quality education and other amenities – such as clean drinking water and sanitation as well as promote participatory development and gendered equitable society?

In this context, the proposed seminar intends to explore the relationship between sustainable development and socio-economic inequality on the one hand and ecological sustainability on the other, while emphasizing the pivotal role of public policy in addressing these questions. The seminar is expected to explore innovative and pragmatic policy approaches, consider the complexities and trade-offs involved, and present case studies and best practices. More importantly, the seminar dwells on the public policy options that lie ahead in dealing with the issue of sustainability in an increasingly unequal world.

A synthesis of these elements helps gain a comprehensive understanding of how public policies can simultaneously promote ecological sustainability and development towards reducing economic and social inequality on a global scale. Participants of the seminar are expected to present papers on emerging trends, potential challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. This forward-looking approach includes considerations of how technological advancements and

innovations, global inequality and socio-cultural transformation shape the structure of public policy in addressing the above aspects. In essence, how might these current trends and trajectories shape the future from a variety of perspectives and envision the policy design. This seminar intends to be multidisciplinary in approach wherein scholars, students and development practitioners share their views on sustainable development towards reducing global inequality. We expect scholars to contribute papers that help foster a more equitable and resilient society.

We invite papers under three rubrics, mentioned below: Environmental Sustainability, Economic Sustainability and Social Sustainability.

I. Environmental Sustainability

- a. Environment, Society and Governance
- b. Environmental Policies and Regulation
- c. Implementation of SDGs and Challenges
- d. Climate Change and Sustainability

I. Economic Sustainability

- a. Financial/Fiscal Sustainability
- b. Economic Reforms and Sustainability
- c. Economic Innovations and Tools for Sustainability
- d. Digital and Technology Innovations for Sustainability
- e. International Trade and Sustainability

- f. Inequality and Inclusive Economic Growth

II. Social Sustainability

- a. Sustainable Urbanisation
- b. Rural and Urban Development
- c. Human Development
- d. Access to Education and Health Care Equity
- e. Social Policy Innovations and Sustainability
- f. Gender Equity and Sustainability

Guidelines for Submission:

Abstract Submission Date: Extended up to April 15th, 2024

Abstract:

Word Count: The abstract should be of 250-300 words.

Full Research Paper:

Full Paper Submission: by 15th May 2024

- The research papers of length 7000-8000 words and following the APA style of citation, the papers are to be submitted via the link shared with shortlisted candidates.
- Papers must comply with rigour in terms of presenting (i) Context; (ii) Research questions addressed; (iii) theoretical framework; (iv) Methodology; (v) Rigorous analysis; and (vi) Key findings.

Final Selection of Papers: by May 30th, 2024

Seminar Venue and Registration Process

National Seminar Date: 5-6th June 2024

Seminar Venue:

- Manipal Academy of Higher Education (Bangalore Campus), Bengaluru, Karnataka, India.

Registration Process

Registration Fee:

- a. 1500 INR (For Faculty, Researchers/Fellows, Development Practitioners, Working Professionals in the field of sustainability, public-policy, development and governance)
- b. 500 INR (For Students)